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SUBJECT: USGS/AFESD MINERAL SURVEY IN YAR

REF: (A) STATE 161363, (B) SANA 0138, (C) 76 KUWAIT
1164, AND PREVIOUS.

1. IN RESPONSE QUERY BY E/C SECTION CHIEF BUCK, ARAB
FUND FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL
PROJECTS OFFICER KHOJALI ABU BAKR, WHO HAS BEEN
FOLLOWING PROJECT FOR OVER A YEAR, SAID THAT UNTIL
RECENTLY, FUND HAD ONLY BEEN CONSIDERING A REGIONAL
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY COVERING TWO YEMENS. IDEA HAD BEEN
TO DO A SURVEY OF THE WADI BEIHAN, WHICH RUNS THROUGH
BOTH COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, ABU BAKR SAID THAT AS A
RESULT OF ADAR STUDY, FUND HAD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT RE-
GIONAL PROJECT WAS NOT PRACTICAL AND THEREFORE DECIDED TWO
OR THREE DAYS AGO TO HAVE TWO SEPARATE PROJECTS IN THE
TWO YEMENS. FROM A BUREAUCRATIC STANDPOINT, ABU BAKR
SAID THAT THIS MEANT CONSIDERATION OF GEOLOGICAL
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SURVEY IN EACH YEMEN HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE
PROJECTS SECTION OF THE ARAB FUND WHICH IS IN A SEPARATE
BUILDING. IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PROJECT DIVISION MONTH
OR MORE TO FOCUS ON GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN YEMEN.

2. COUNTRY OFFICER FOR THE YEMENS, AMCIT OF
SYRIAN ORIGIN, DR. FAROUK MUWAKKA', IS ON LEAVE AND WILL

NOT RETURN UNTIL EARLY SEPT. KNOWLEDGEABLE COLLEAGUE IN
PROJECTS DIVISION OF FUND TOLD EMBOFF JULY 17 THAT
FUND SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE COUNTRY POSITION PAPER ON
THE YAR IN MID-DEC. HE SUGGESTED, THEREFORE, THAT
BEST APPROACH WOULD BE FOR YAR TO MAKE PROPOSAL IN
AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE TO ARAB FUND, PREFERABLY
BY EARLY OCT. WHILE ANY INFORMATION FROM USGS WOULD BE USE-
FUL, THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE ARAB FUND TO INCLUDE
THIS PROJECT IN THOSE UNDER CONSIDERATION IS FOR
THE YAR TO MAKE A PROPOSAL THROUGH ITS GOVERNOR ON
THE ARAB FUND BOARD, FUN (SOURCE SAID.)

3. COMMENT: IF OUR MEMORY SERVES US, THIS PROJECT HAS
BEEN BATTED AROUND FOR NEARLY FOUR YEARS IN A SOMEWHAT
ALFONSE/GASTON ROUTINE BETWEEN THE USGS, THE YAR, AND
THE ARAB FUND. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFO-
MATION USGS OR SANA COULD PROVIDE US ON USGS ACTIVITY
WHICH WE COULD INFORMALLY PASS ON TO THE ARAB FUND
AT THE WORKING LEVEL. HOWEVER, ALL THIS ACTIVITY WILL
BE OF LITTLE USE IF THE YAR DOES NOT PUSH THE PROJECT
WITH THE ARAB FUND. GIVEN PREPARATION OF ARAB FUND
POSITION PAPER ON THE YAR, THE NEXT FEW MONTHS
IS A VERY GOOD TIME FOR THE YEMEN GOVERNMENT TO
MOVE IF THEY DO, IN FACT, REALLY WANT USGS PARTIC-
IPATION IN THIS PROJECT.

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